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SUBJ: PARTIES CONTINUE CONGRESS PREPARATIONS

1. DESPITE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT CRISIS, PREPARATIONS OF LOCAL DC, PSI AND PSDI FOR THEIR NATIONAL CONGRESSES CONTINUE. IN GENERAL, TREND WITHIN ALL THREE PARTIES IS TOWARD AMALGAMATION OF PERSONAL FACTIONS INTO LARGER GROUPINGS WHICH OCCUPY MORE OR LESS DEFINABLE SPACES ON THE

POLITICAL SPECTRUM.

2. IN DC, LEFTIST ALLIANCE OF TAVIANEI, MOROTEL, FORZANOVISTI IN SUPPORT

OF ZACCAGNINI WON 57 PERCENT OF VOTE IN GENOA SECTIONAL ASSEMBLIES. CENTER-RIGHT SLATE (ALLIES OF FANFANI AND ANDREOTTI) RECEIVED 37 PERCENT, WHILE ALLIES OF ON. COLOMBO GOT SIX PERCENT. SAME LEFTIST TREND HELD ELSEWHERE EXCEPT IN LA SPEZIA, WHERE CENTRISTS WON MAJORITY. WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF EMERGENCE OF BRUNO ORSINI AS LEADER OF CENTER, THERE ARE FEW SIGNIFICANT NEW DC FACES.

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NEWSPAPER ARTICLES HAVE REPORTED ON A GRASS-ROOTS MOVEMENT ON DC LEFT IN

IMPERIA, AND ONE OF THE SLATES FOR GENOA UNIVERSITY ELECTIONS IS IDENTIFIED WITH COMUNIONE E LIBERAZIONE.

3. AS WE HAD PROJECTED, DEMARTINO SOCIALISTS DOMINATED PSI REGIONAL CONGRESS. TENUOUS UNITY WITHIN DEMARTINO FACTION SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN

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ACHIEVED ON BASIS OF A MOVE LEFT. INDICATIONS OF THIS WERE PROCLAMATION

OF OPENING TO EXTRA PARLIAMENTARY LEFT, EMPHASIS ON LEFTIST ALTERNATIVE

FOR GOVERNING ITALY AND CONDEMNATION OF POLICE SEARCHES OF APARTMENTS
OF PDUP LEADERS AND OTHERS IN WAKE OF ARREST OF TWO EXTREMISTS WHO WERE

CARRYING A BOMB WHICH APPARENTLY WAS DESTINED FOR THE RESIDENCE OF
GENOA'S CONTROVERSIAL ARCHBISHOP, CARDINAL SIRI. IN ADDITION, LOCAL
PSI DAILY, IL LAVORO, SEEMS INTENT ON ESTABLISHING DISTANCE BETWEEN
PSI AND US, WITNESS SENSATIONAL AND FALSE ARTICLES ON NATO BASE
NEAR SAVONA (REPORTED GENOA 41 AND 45).

4. PSDI IN GENOA HAS NOT SUFFERED KIND OF MASS DEFECTIONS WHICH HAVE
OCCURRED ELSEWHERE. DESPITE CONSIDERABLE INFIGHTING, ALLIES OF TANASSI,

ORLANFI, LONGO AND PRETI ARE MORE OR LESS UNITED AND CONTROL 80 PERCENT

OF GENOA PARTY. ALLIES OF SARAGAT HAVE 20 PERCENT SUPPORT.
DELAGATES TO NATIONAL CONGRESS WILL REFLECT THIS BALANCE. MAIN SOCIAL
DEMOCRATIC PROBLEM SEEMS TO BE THE DC, WHICH APPARANTLY HAS LESS
INTEREST IN FORMING A UNITED OPPOSITION THAN IN DOMINATING THE POSTS
IN SOTTOGOVERNO ALLOCATED BY THE LEFTIST MAJORITY TO THE MINORITY.
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